

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: PETER PAL VARGA et al. )  
TITLE: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACING )  
IMPLANT SYSTEM )  
SERIAL NO.: 10/055,673 )  
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EXAMINER D. Willse ) §1.136(a)  
ART UNIT: 3738 )

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, be extended for one, month until September 7, 2004. Submitted herewith (PTO Form 2028 - credit card payment) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), (1) is the fee of \$55.00 as required. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

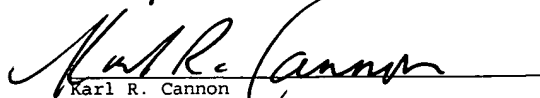
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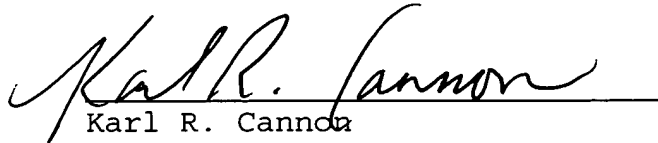
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